

**THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
25 NORTH BROADWAY  
PERU, INDIANA 46970  
MARCH 3, 2008**

Chairman Hawley called the weekly meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order.

It is noted that Commissioner Boyer is absent.

**SMOKING ORDINANCE MEETING**

Mr. Neil McCreary brought a letter of concerns to the Board to read. He stated that he attended the meeting but has a hearing problem and so he thought he would write down his concerns and bring them to them personally. The Board thanked him for his input.

**ROAD ISSUE**

Mr. Fred Ammerman Jr. told the Board that road 300 East between 400 North and 600 North is in bad shape. He said it is unsafe to drive due to the holes. Part of the road is black topped. He said he had a copy of minutes from 1973 stating the road was on the list to be blacktopped. Due to the financial situation of the County the work was never done. He said there are hog houses that have been added since then and semi traffic has torn up the road. There are two bus routes that use the road and he feels something needs to be done. Commissioner Deeds said he was in the area and the road is slushy. He said he does not see anything happening with new chip and sealing but the gravel road must be maintained. He also said the Board will look at the side ditches and the roadway. The Board thanked him for bringing this to their attention.

**SMOKING ORDINANCE ISSUE**

Mr. Mike Wilson commended the Board on a good public hearing for the Smoking Ordinance issue. He hopes they felt the support from the community to pass the Ordinance. He stated that the level playing field many brought up was something they should consider. Commissioner Deeds said all the issues that were brought up were issues the Board has discussed over the past year. Commissioner Hawley said he felt that all had an opportunity to voice their concern. The Board told Mr. Wilson that there would only be 2 Commissioners present over the next 3 weeks. Mr. Wilson will be back on the 24<sup>th</sup> when all are present.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Deeds moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hawley 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2-0.

**2010 CENSUS**

The Board received information that the information is completed for the update for the 2010 census.

**WABASH RIVER HERITAGE COORIDINATOR COMMISSION**

The Board received an update from the Commission. No action taken.

**IDEM NOTICES.**

The Board received two renewal notices from IDEM. One notice was received for Hilltop Pork, LLC and one for R.B.F., LLC. No action was needed nor taken.

**CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to approve the claims and payroll. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

**CCI NOTICE OF BID WITHDRAWAL**

The Board received a notice that the Strom Group withdrew their bid from the Miami County Jail Project. The amount of the bid was \$226,137 for metal studs, drywall and acoustic ceilings. A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to pull their bond. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

**REQUEST TO RELEASE SOME FUNDS TO CCI.**

Commission Deeds moved to make the funds available. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0. The amount was for \$80,000.

#### HEALTH COORIDINATOR PROGRAM

David Grund asked the Board if they are going to continue with the program. It was determined that the program will end in its present state in August. Commissioner Hawley has tried to speak with other Counties concerning this program but none are favorable. A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to follow up on the contract to get the best agreement we can in order to get the funds the lady has already been working on to recover. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

He will hopefully bring a contract for signing back next week.

#### VERDIN CLOCK COMPANY

A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to move forward with option 2 of the proposal to replace the clocks on the Court House and to make them electric. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0. The amount of option 2 is \$20,950.

#### WABASH VALLEY RESTORATION

A motion to approve the work by Wabash Valley Restoration in the amount of \$1,095 was made by Commissioner Deeds. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0. This is for work on the room vacated by the Judges.

#### MINUTES FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SMOKING ORDINANCE

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Deeds. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

#### COUNTY ENGINEER/BRIDGE 28

Mr. Einselen explained how he came up with the figure for engineering. It is noted that the appropriated amount is not enough to cover the expected expense. The Board will speak with Sam Waltz about this to find a solution.

#### RAILS TO TRAILS MEETING

Mr. Einselen told the Board there is a meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 10:00 am and he will be there. The Board gave Mr. Einselen direction to be sure the Trails organization does not paint the roadways. He said he would stay on top of this.

#### SITE MANAGER PROGRAM

Mr. Einselen will be going to the testing for proficiency for construction inspection and site manager. This person must be tested and qualified to send in samples of cement, dirt and asphalt.

Mr. Einselen also told the Board he would be attending the Wabash River Heritage Corridor meeting in Turkey Run on Wednesday afternoon. The Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission will pay his expenses.

#### HEALTH NURSE

Michelle Sigfred asked the Board how she would handle it if the jail needs medication for TB or other issues. After some discussion the Board agreed that she should treat them the same as she does the Fire Departments.

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Lost Bridge Funding was discussed. Mr. Waltz said that since they have not spent the funding for bridge 152 there is some funding there to transfer any shortfall we have this year for Bridge 28 (Lost Bridge).

Commissioner Boyer arrived for the meeting

The Board discussed the Graft tile. A property owner told the Board that a tile has broken under the road. Mr. Waltz said there is no funding and will refer this to the Drainage Board for review and any possible action.

Mr. Waltz also asked for a work session this afternoon to discuss some things with the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to sign the agreement for Bridge #28. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

#### HEALTH ENVIRONMENTALIST

Ken Scott told the Board there would be a district 3 pandemic exercise on April 14, 2008. No action taken.

#### CCI PRESENTATION OF BID RECOMMENDATIONS

Joe Hoffman gave the Board the bids CCI recommends for the Miami County Jail Facility project. After some review of the bids a motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to accept the recommendations of CCI for bids on the Miami County Jail Project. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

The Board received a budget update from Umbaugh & Associates. The total budget for the project is \$20,015. The schedule of the lease financing was presented. County Attorney Grund will speak with Lisa Lee about the time tables for transferring deeds to the Holding Corporation. It is noted that the sales disclosure will reflect the sale of the property in the amount of \$91,000. Commissioner Deeds moves to execute the deed from the Board of Commissioners to the Miami County Holding Corporation containing 14.770 acres and that Commissioner Hawley sign the documents as needed. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Deeds and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Boyer. The motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

#### THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

\_\_\_\_\_, CHAIRMAN  
**GARY D. HAWLEY**

\_\_\_\_\_, VICE CHAIRMAN  
**GREGORY DEEDS**

\_\_\_\_\_, MEMBER  
**C. CRAIG BOYER**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, Auditor  
**Brenda Weaver**